



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **REMINDER OF MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER VESSEL OR HEADBOAT (FOR-HIRE) PERMITS FOR THE REEF FISH FISHERY AND COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS FISHERY IN FEDERAL WATERS OF THE GULF OF MEXICO**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) reminds Gulf charter vessel/headboat owners that renewal of their vessel's Gulf reef fish and Gulf coastal migratory permit(s) is contingent upon the permitted vessel and/or captain, as appropriate, being included in an active survey frame for, and if selected to report, providing the information required in the NOAA Fisheries Marine Recreational Fishing Vessel Directory Telephone Survey; NOAA Fisheries Southeast Headboat Survey; or Texas Parks and Wildlife Marine Recreational Fishing Survey. A permitted vessel and/or captain, as appropriate, may be required to participate in more than one of these surveys during the time period required to document changes in methodology. Failure to participate in the surveys, if selected, could result in the non-renewal of your moratorium permits. A Gulf charter vessel/headboat permit(s) that is not renewed or that is revoked will not be reissued during the moratorium.

The mandatory reporting requirements are part of management measures submitted by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) in Amendment 14 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, and Amendment 20 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico. For complete details, interested parties should obtain a copy of the final rule by contacting the Southeast Regional Office. Questions regarding permits should be directed to the NOAA Fisheries Permits team at **727-570-5326**. The regulations are necessary for the conservation and management of the coastal migratory pelagics and reef fish fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico.

To obtain considerable recorded information about our missions, services, and management measures, call our toll free public service line at 1-866-570-5301. If the information you need is not available on that line, you can leave us a message and we'll get back to you within one business day.

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